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April 27, 2016

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Cliff Read
Rock & Stone, LLC
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Subject: Proposed Assessments for State Cessation Orders Nos. MC-2016-59-01, MC-2016-59-02, & MC-2016-59-03, Rock & Stone, LLC, Strawberry River Quarry, S/013/0008, Duchesne County, Utah

Response Due By: 30 Days of Receipt

Dear Mr. Read:

The undersigned has been appointed by the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining as the assessment officer for assessing penalties under R647-7.

Enclosed is the proposed civil penalty assessment for the above referenced cessation orders. The cessation orders were issued by Division inspector, Leslie Heppler on March 24, 2016. Rule R647-7-103 et. seq. has been utilized to determine the proposed penalties of \$2,200, \$1,650.00 and \$3,410.00 respectively for a total proposed assessment of \$7,260.00. The enclosed worksheets outline how the civil penalty was assessed.

By these rules, any written information which was submitted by you or your agent within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this cessation order has been considered in determining the facts surrounding the violation and the amount of this penalty.

Under R647-7-106, there are two informal appeal options available to you. You may appeal the 'fact of the violation', the proposed civil penalty, or both. If you wish to informally appeal you should file a written request for an informal conference within thirty 30 days of receipt of this letter.

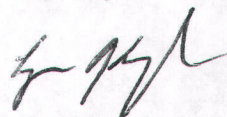
The informal conference will be conducted by a Division-appointed conference officer. The informal conference for the fact of the violation is distinct from the informal assessment conference regarding the proposed penalty.



If you wish to review both the fact of the violation and proposed penalty assessment, you should file a written request for an assessment conference within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. In this case, the assessment conference will be scheduled immediately following the review of the fact of the violation.

If a timely request for review is not made, the fact of the violation will stand, the proposed penalty will become final, and will be due and payable within thirty (30) days of the date of this proposed assessment (by May 30, 2016). Please remit payment to the Division, mail c/o Sheri Sasaki.

Sincerely,



Lynn Kunzler
Assessment Officer

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Enclosure: Proposed assessment worksheets

cc: Sheri Sasaki, Accounting w/enclosures
Vickie Southwick, Exec. Sec.

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WORKSHEET FOR ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS & MINING
Minerals Regulatory Program

NOV / CO #: MC-2016-59-01

PERMIT: S/013/0008

COMPANY / MINE Rock & Stone LLC . / Strawberry River Quarry

ASSESSMENT DATE 4/27/2016

ASSESSMENT OFFICER Lynn Kunzler

I. HISTORY (Max. 25 pts.) (R647-7-103.2.11)

- A. Are there previous violations, which are not pending or vacated, which fall three (3) years of today's date?

PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS

EFFECTIVE DATE

POINTS

(1pt for NOV 5pts for CO)

None

TOTAL HISTORY POINTS 0

II. SERIOUSNESS (Max 45pts) (R647-7-103.2.12)

NOTE: For assignment of points in Parts II and III, the following apply:

1. Based on facts supplied by the inspector, the Assessment Officer will determine within each category where the violation falls.
2. Beginning at the mid-point of the category, the Assessment Officer will adjust the points up or down, utilizing the inspector=s and operator=s statements as guiding documents.

Is this an EVENT (A) or Administrative (B) violation? Event (A)
(assign points according to A or B)

A. EVENT VIOLATIONS (Max 45 pts.)

1. What is the event which the violated standard was designed to prevent?
Loss of reclamation / reveg potential, Not having adequate surety.
2. What is the probability of the occurrence of the event which a violated standard was designed to prevent?

PROBABILITY POINT RANGE

None

0

PROBABILITY

POINT RANGE

Likely

10-19

Unlikely

1-9

Occurred

20

ASSIGN PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE POINTS 10

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS: Points assigned at the lower end of the likely scale due to the operator having been given 3 notices of the need to increase the surety. For the Event to occur, the operator would need to walk away, leaving the Division to forfeit the surety and not have sufficient funds available to complete the reclamation. With the current surety almost 20% below the calculated amount, the likelihood of this event occurring is also considered to increase.

3. What is the extent of actual or potential damage?: Damage would occur if there was not sufficient funds to fully reclaim.

ASSIGN DAMAGE POINTS (Range 0-25) 10

In assigning points, consider the duration and extent of said damage or impact, in terms of area and impact on the public or environment.

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS: Not only would the potential damage be from not having the site completely reclaimed, this site is adjacent to an agricultural area and invasive/noxious species could establish and spread to the agricultural area.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE VIOLATIONS (Max 25pts)

1. Is this a POTENTIAL or ACTUAL hindrance to enforcement? _____
Assign points based on the extent to which enforcement is actually or potentially hindered by the violation.

ASSIGN HINDRANCE POINTS _____

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS: _____

TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A or B) 20

III. DEGREE OF FAULT (Max 30 pts.) (R647-7-103.2.13)

LEVEL of NEGLIGENCE.	Point Range
No Negligence (Was this an inadvertent violation which was unavoidable by the exercise of reasonable care?)	0
Negligence (was this a failure of a permittee to prevent the occurrence of a violation due to indifference lack of diligence, or lack of reasonable care?)	1 - 15
Greater Degree of Fault (was this a failure to abate any violation or was economic gain realized by the permittee?)	16 - 30

STATE DEGREE OF NEGLIGENCE: Greater Degree of Fault

ASSIGN NEGLIGENCE POINTS 20

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS: Not only had the operator been warned of the need to increase the surety several times, there was also a financial benefit to the operator in not providing the surety. While the operator claims to have been out of the country and could not take care of this, (after the violation was issued) there was no indication he could not take care of the issues when he received the warnings.

IV. GOOD FAITH (Max 20 pts.) (R467-7-103.2.14)

(Either A or B) (Does not apply to violations requiring no abatement measures, or violations not abated at the time of assessment)

Has Violation Been Abated? No, Therefore good faith point are not assessed.

- A. **EASY ABATEMENT** (The operator had onsite, the resources necessary to achieve compliance of the violated standard within the permit area.)

Immediate Compliance

(Immediately following the issuance of the NOV)

Rapid Compliance

(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation.

Violation abated in less time than allotted.)

Normal Compliance

(Operator complied within the abatement period required,
or, Operator requested an extension to abatement time)

Point Range

-11 to -20

-1 to -10

0

- B. **DIFFICULT ABATEMENT** (The operator did not have the resources at hand to achieve compliance, or the submission of plans was required prior to physical activity to achieve compliance.)

Rapid Compliance

(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation.

Violation abated in less time than allotted.)

Normal Compliance

(Operator complied within the abatement period)

Extended Compliance

(Operator complied within the abatement period required, or,
Operator requested an extension to abatement time) (Permittee
took minimal actions for abatement to stay within the limits of
the violation, or the plan submitted for abatement was incomplete.)

Point Range

-11 to -20

-1 to -10

0

EASY OR DIFFICULT ABATEMENT? _____

ASSIGN GOOD FAITH POINTS 0

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS: Violation not abated at the time of assessment.

V. ASSESSMENT SUMMARY (R647-7-103.3)

I.	TOTAL HISTORY POINTS	<u>0</u>
II.	TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS	<u>20</u>
III.	TOTAL NEGLIGENCE POINTS	<u>20</u>
IV.	TOTAL GOOD FAITH POINTS	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL ASSESSED POINTS	<u>40</u>
	TOTAL ASSESSED FINE	<u>\$2,200.00</u>

WORKSHEET FOR ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS & MINING
Minerals Regulatory Program

NOV / CO #: MC-2016-59-02

PERMIT: S/013/0008

COMPANY / MINE Rock & Stone LLC . / Strawberry River Quarry

ASSESSMENT DATE 4/27/2016

ASSESSMENT OFFICER Lynn Kunzler

I. HISTORY (Max. 25 pts.) (R647-7-103.2.11)

- A. Are there previous violations, which are not pending or vacated, which fall three (3) years of today's date?

PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS

EFFECTIVE DATE

POINTS

(1pt for NOV 5pts for CO)

None

TOTAL HISTORY POINTS 0

II. SERIOUSNESS (Max 45pts) (R647-7-103.2.12)

NOTE: For assignment of points in Parts II and III, the following apply:

1. Based on facts supplied by the inspector, the Assessment Officer will determine within each category where the violation falls.
2. Beginning at the mid-point of the category, the Assessment Officer will adjust the points up or down, utilizing the inspector=s and operator=s statements as guiding documents.

Is this an EVENT (A) or Administrative (B) violation? Event (A)
(assign points according to A or B)

A. EVENT VIOLATIONS (Max 45 pts.)

1. What is the event which the violated standard was designed to prevent?
Conducting mining activities without appropriate approvals
2. What is the probability of the occurrence of the event which a violated standard was designed to prevent?

PROBABILITY POINT RANGE

None

0

Unlikely

1-9

PROBABILITY

POINT RANGE

Likely

10-19

Occurred

20

ASSIGN PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE POINTS 15

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS: Non-payment of permit fees automatically suspends the Division's permit. The operator has a history of non-payment or late payments for several years which leads to the probability of mining activity increasing while permit is under suspension. Point were therefore assigned at the midpoint of the 'Likely' range.

3. What is the extent of actual or potential damage?: Inspector indicated that there was no damage as a result of this violation.

ASSIGN DAMAGE POINTS (Range 0-25) 0

In assigning points, consider the duration and extent of said damage or impact, in terms of area and impact on the public or environment.

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS: No damage has occurred, nor is it likely to occur from non-payment of the annual permit fee.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE VIOLATIONS (Max 25pts)

1. Is this a POTENTIAL or ACTUAL hindrance to enforcement? _____
Assign points based on the extent to which enforcement is actually or potentially hindered by the violation.

ASSIGN HINDRANCE POINTS _____

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS: _____

TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A or B) 15

III. DEGREE OF FAULT (Max 30 pts.) (R647-7-103.2.13)

LEVEL of NEGLIGENCE.

	Point Range
No Negligence (Was this an inadvertent violation which was unavoidable by the exercise of reasonable care?)	0
Negligence (was this a failure of a permittee to prevent the occurrence of a violation due to indifference lack of diligence, or lack of reasonable care?)	1 - 15
Greater Degree of Fault (was this a failure to abate any violation or was economic gain realized by the permittee?)	16 - 30

STATE DEGREE OF NEGLIGENCE: Greater Degree of Fault

ASSIGN NEGLIGENCE POINTS 20

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS: Operator has not remitted the annual fees for three years. Billing statements were sent each year as well as second notices. Certainly failure to remit the annual fees gives financial benefit to the operator.

IV. GOOD FAITH (Max 20 pts.) (R467-7-103.2.14)

(Either A or B) (Does not apply to violations requiring no abatement measures, or violations not abated at the time of assessment)

Has Violation Been Abated? No, Therefore good faith point are not assessed.

- A. **EASY ABATEMENT** (The operator had onsite, the resources necessary to achieve compliance of the violated standard within the permit area.)

	<u>Point Range</u>
Immediate Compliance (Immediately following the issuance of the NOV)	-11 to -20
Rapid Compliance (Permittee used diligence to abate the violation. Violation abated in less time than allotted.)	-1 to -10
Normal Compliance (Operator complied within the abatement period required, or, Operator requested an extension to abatement time)	0

- B. **DIFFICULT ABATEMENT** (The operator did not have the resources at hand to achieve compliance, or the submission of plans was required prior to physical activity to achieve compliance.)

	<u>Point Range</u>
Rapid Compliance (Permittee used diligence to abate the violation. Violation abated in less time than allotted.)	-11 to -20
Normal Compliance (Operator complied within the abatement period)	-1 to -10
Extended Compliance (Operator complied within the abatement period required, or, Operator requested an extension to abatement time) (Permittee took minimal actions for abatement to stay within the limits of the violation, or the plan submitted for abatement was incomplete.)	0

EASY OR DIFFICULT ABATEMENT? _____

ASSIGN GOOD FAITH POINTS 0

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS: Violation not abated at the time of assessment.

V. ASSESSMENT SUMMARY (R647-7-103.3)

I.	TOTAL HISTORY POINTS	<u>0</u>
II.	TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS	<u>15</u>
III.	TOTAL NEGLIGENCE POINTS	<u>20</u>
IV.	TOTAL GOOD FAITH POINTS	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL ASSESSED POINTS	<u>35</u>
	TOTAL ASSESSED FINE	<u>\$1,650.00</u>

WORKSHEET FOR ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS & MINING
Minerals Regulatory Program

NOV / CO #: MC-2016-59-03

PERMIT: S/013/0008

COMPANY / MINE Rock & Stone LLC . / Strawberry River Quarry

ASSESSMENT DATE 4/27/2016

ASSESSMENT OFFICER Lynn Kunzler

I. HISTORY (Max. 25 pts.) (R647-7-103.2.11)

- A. Are there previous violations, which are not pending or vacated, which fall three (3) years of today's date?

PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS

EFFECTIVE DATE

POINTS

(1pt for NOV 5pts for CO)

None

TOTAL HISTORY POINTS 0

II. SERIOUSNESS (Max 45pts) (R647-7-103.2.12)

NOTE: For assignment of points in Parts II and III, the following apply:

1. Based on facts supplied by the inspector, the Assessment Officer will determine within each category where the violation falls.
2. Beginning at the mid-point of the category, the Assessment Officer will adjust the points up or down, utilizing the inspector=s and operator=s statements as guiding documents.

Is this an EVENT (A) or Administrative (B) violation? Event (A)
(assign points according to A or B)

A. EVENT VIOLATIONS (Max 45 pts.)

1. What is the event which the violated standard was designed to prevent?
Loss of reclamation / reveg potential, Reduced establishment of a diverse & effective vegetative cover, Environmental harm.
2. What is the probability of the occurrence of the event which a violated standard was designed to prevent?

PROBABILITY POINT RANGE

None

0

Unlikely

1-9

PROBABILITY

POINT RANGE

Likely

10-19

Occurred

20

ASSIGN PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE POINTS 15

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS: The longer the site goes un-reclaimed, the greater the likelihood that noxious or other invasive weeds establish, which lowers reclamation potential and the establishment of a diverse and effective cover, which in turn leads to loss of habitat (environmental harm). Points therefore assigned in the middle of the 'Likely' range.

3. What is the extent of actual or potential damage?: Damage would occur as invasive or noxious weeds establish.. Since this site is adjacent to an agricultural area, the weed problem could easily spread, affecting the agricultural production of the adjacent area .

ASSIGN DAMAGE POINTS (Range 0-25) 13

In assigning points, consider the duration and extent of said damage or impact, in terms of area and impact on the public or environment.

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS: Not only would the potential damage be from not having the site reclaimed, this site is adjacent to an agricultural area and invasive/noxious species could establish and spread to the agricultural area. Points were assessed at the midpoint of the range.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE VIOLATIONS (Max 25pts)

1. Is this a POTENTIAL or ACTUAL hindrance to enforcement? _____
Assign points based on the extent to which enforcement is actually or potentially hindered by the violation.

ASSIGN HINDRANCE POINTS NA

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS: _____

TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A or B) 28

III. DEGREE OF FAULT (Max 30 pts.) (R647-7-103.2.13)

LEVEL OF NEGLIGENCE.

	Point Range
No Negligence (Was this an inadvertent violation which was unavoidable by the exercise of reasonable care?)	0
Negligence (was this a failure of a permittee to prevent the occurrence of a violation due to indifference lack of diligence, or lack of reasonable care?)	1 - 15
Greater Degree of Fault (was this a failure to abate any violation or was economic gain realized by the permittee?)	16 - 30

STATE DEGREE OF NEGLIGENCE: Greater Degree of Fault

ASSIGN NEGLIGENCE POINTS 23

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS: The operator was notified in 2013 of the need to reclaim the site. The inspector has also indicated that the operator no longer has a lease (right to mine) on the project. By not reclaiming the site, the operator certainly had financial benefit. Points are therefore assessed at mid-point of the 'greater Degree of Fault' range.

IV. GOOD FAITH (Max 20 pts.) (R467-7-103.2.14)

(Either A or B) (Does not apply to violations requiring no abatement measures, or violations not abated at the time of assessment)

Has Violation Been Abated? No, Therefore good faith point are not assessed.

- A. **EASY ABATEMENT** (The operator had onsite, the resources necessary to achieve compliance of the violated standard within the permit area.)

Immediate Compliance

(Immediately following the issuance of the NOV)

Point Range

-11 to -20

Rapid Compliance

(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation.

Violation abated in less time than allotted.)

-1 to -10

Normal Compliance

(Operator complied within the abatement period required,
or, Operator requested an extension to abatement time)

0

- B. **DIFFICULT ABATEMENT** (The operator did not have the resources at hand to achieve compliance, or the submission of plans was required prior to physical activity to achieve compliance.)

Rapid Compliance

(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation.

Violation abated in less time than allotted.)

Point Range

-11 to -20

Normal Compliance

(Operator complied within the abatement period)

-1 to -10

Extended Compliance

(Operator complied within the abatement period required, or,
Operator requested an extension to abatement time) (Permittee
took minimal actions for abatement to stay within the limits of
the violation, or the plan submitted for abatement was incomplete.)

0

EASY OR DIFFICULT ABATEMENT? _____

ASSIGN GOOD FAITH POINTS 0

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS: Violation not abated at the time of assessment .

V. ASSESSMENT SUMMARY (R647-7-103.3)

I.	TOTAL HISTORY POINTS	<u>0</u>
II.	TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS	<u>28</u>
III.	TOTAL NEGLIGENCE POINTS	<u>23</u>
IV.	TOTAL GOOD FAITH POINTS	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL ASSESSED POINTS	<u>51</u>

TOTAL ASSESSED FINE **\$3.410.00**